charm

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1. [tʃa:m] *n*

1. 1) обаяние, очарование; привлекательность прелесть; шарм

her charm of manner - её обаятельность

charm of style - изящество стиля

he has charm - он располагает к себе; у него есть шарм

2) pl прелести (женские)

displaying all her charms - демонстрируя все свои прелести

2. 1) заклинание; магическая формула, заговор, наговор

to be under a charm - быть околдованным /зачарованным/

- 2) *pl* чары
- 3. талисман, амулет
- 4. брелок

charm bracelet - браслет с брелоками

5. амер. сл. монеты, деньжата

6. физ. чарм, очарование (физическая характеристика кварка)

⊘ like a charm - а) как чудо; these tablets act like a charm - эти таблеткитворят чудеса; б) счастливо, удачно, без труда 2. [tʃɑ:m] v

1. очаровывать, пленять

I am charmed with your children - ваши дети очаровательны

she charmed everybody - она очаровала /покорила/ всех

I'll be charmed to meet your family - буду очень рад познакомиться с вашей семьёй

2. (*mx*. charm away)

1) заколдовывать; заклинать

the witch charmed the princess and she fell asleep - колдунья заколдовала принцессу, и она заснула

2) заговаривать (от болезни, гибели)

to charm warts (away) - заговаривать бородавки

3) приручать (змею)

II

[t∫a:m] *n apx.*

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charm [charm charms charmed charming] noun, verb BrE [tfalm] *NAmE* [tfalm]

noun

- 1. uncountable the power of pleasing or attracting people
- a man of great charm
- The hotel is full of charm and character.
- 2. countable a feature or quality that is pleasing or attractive
- her physical charms (= her beauty)
- 3. countable a small object worn on a chain or [†]bracelet, that is believed to bring good luck
- a lucky charm
- a charm bracelet
- 4. countable an act or words believed to have magic power

Syn: †spell

more at third time is the charm at [†]third

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

charm noun U (usually approving)
a man of great charm
charisma • • magnetism •
great charm/charisma/magnetism
have/lack charm/charisma/magnetism

Example Bank:

- He oozes charm, but I wouldn't trust him.
- He was unable to resist her charms.
- His natural charm and wit made him very popular.
- I nagged him for a week and used all my feminine charm.
- Many women had succumbed to his charms.
- The area is a little run-down, but that's just part of its charm.
- The dining room was dark and gloomy, and the food was similarly lacking in charm.

- The farmhouse had a certain rustic charm about it.
- The idea of being a farmer had lost its charm for me by this time.
- The town still retains a lot of its old-world charm.
- a politician with a folksy charm
- a woman of considerable charm
- He was a man of great charm.
- She was attracted by his good looks and his boyish charm.
- The route certainly had its charms.
- Venice— who can resist its charm?

Idiom: [†]work like a charm

Derived ¹charm something out of somebody

verb

- 1. transitive, intransitive ~ (sb) to please or attract sb in order to make them like you or do what you want
- He was charmed by her beauty and wit.
- Her words had lost their power to charm.
- 2. transitive ~ sb/sth to control or protect sb/sth using magic, or as if using magic
 - He has led a charmed life (= he has been lucky even in dangerous or difficult situations) .
 - Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	charm
	BrE /tʃa:m/
	NAME /tʃɑ:rm/
he / she /it	charms
	BrE /tʃa:mz/
	NAME /tʃa:rmz/
past simple, past participle	charmed
	BrE /tʃa:md/
	NAME /tʃa:rmd/
-ing form	charming
	BrE /tʃa:mŋ/
	NAME /tʃa:rmɪŋ/

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- He charmed his way into the organization.
- · Perhaps I can use his good mood to charm a concession out of him.
- · She charmed him into giving her an audition.
- He charmed his mother into letting him have his own way.
- · He charmed thousands with his singing.

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I. charm¹/t∫a□m\$ t∫a□rm/ BrE^{*} AmE^{*} noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: charme, from Latin carmen 'song', from canere 'to sing']

1. [uncountable and countable] a special quality someone or something has that makes people like them, feel attracted to them, or be easily influenced by them – used to show approval ⇒ **charming**:

Joe's boyish charm

charm of

- the charm of this small Southern city
- She <u>turned on the charm</u> (=used her charm) to all the men.
- The room had no windows and all the charm of a prison cell (=used to say that something has no charm).

2. [countable] a very small object worn on a chain or [†]bracelet:

- a charm bracelet
- a small gold horseshoe worn as a lucky charm
- 3. [countable] a phrase or action believed to have special magic powers SYN spell
- 4. work like a charm to work exactly as you had hoped:
 - The new sales program has worked like a charm.

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- have charm Richard was clever and he had a lot of charm.
- use your charm She knew when to use her charm in order to get what she wanted.
- turn on the charm (=use your charm to get something) If you turn on the charm, I'm sure you'll get the job.
- ooze charm (=have or show a lot of charm) Every time she saw him, he oozed charm.
- Iack charm/be lacking in charm A lot of new buildings lack charm.
- something loses its charm He was getting older, and travel was losing its charm.
- succumb to sb's/sth's charms (=allow yourself to be influenced by their charms) Thomas seemed to be succumbing to

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Sylvie's charms.

• resist sb's charm (=not allow yourself to be influenced by someone's charm) People say that it was impossible to resist Burton's charm.

• be part of somebody's/something's charm The house is a long way from anywhere and that is part of its charm.

adjectives

- boyish charm Women seem to love his boyish charm.
- great charm He was a man of great charm.
- easy charm (=relaxed charm) Hudson was full of easy charm and smiles.
- rustic charm (=charm that is simple, old-fashioned and typical of the countryside) The cottage had a certain rustic charm.
- natural charm She had a quiet natural charm that everyone liked.
- personal charm He was a man of great personal charm.
- considerable charm Their music has considerable charm.
- immense charm (=very great) No one could resist his immense charm.

THESAURUS

• attraction *noun* [uncountable and countable] a feature or quality that makes people like, want, or feel interested in something: The excitement is part of the attraction of the job. | For many mothers, the attraction of childcare in the workplace is the chance to be near their children. | The idea of living in another country does have a certain attraction.

• appeal noun [uncountable and countable] a quality that makes people like something or someone: Much of Corfu's appeal lies in its lively night life. | I don't understand the appeal of this kind of music.

• the lure of something noun [singular] a very attractive quality that makes you want something very much – often used about something that has a bad effect or influence: It's hard to resist the lure of credit cards and easy money. | The lure of urban life is especially powerful for the young.

• charm noun [uncountable and countable] a pleasant quality that someone or something has that makes people like them, feel attracted to them, or be influenced by them: He was physically attractive and possessed considerable personal charm. | The book captures Savannah's old Southern charm perfectly.

• glamour noun [uncountable] the attractive and exciting quality that is connected with wealth and success: the glamour of Monte Carlo | Hollywood glamour | The world of modelling is famous for its glitz and glamour.

- draw noun [singular] something that makes people want to do something or go somewhere: The money is a big draw for many players. | The island's main draw is its wonderful beaches.

II. charm² BrE^{*} AmE^{*} verb [transitive]

1. to attract someone and make them like you, sometimes in order to make them do something for you ⇒ charming: We were charmed by the friendliness of the local people.

2. to please and interest someone:

a story that has charmed generations of children

3. to gain power over someone or something by using magic

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